

## TO THE BUYING PUBLIC

The writer of this article has for a long time felt that some one properly posted should advise the buying public from time to time of great changes in business conditions before such conditions had materially affected prices.

To prevent any changes or blue penciling of any part of the text of this article we are publishing and paying for it as an advertisement.

Primarily it is an advertisement, but from a purely business standpoint it is not profitable to give you the information that follows except we deem it good business to keep our customers thoroughly posted as to conditions affecting future prices.

The papers have been full the last year of statements relative to the strike of the consuming public.

Now while this has in a measure been true there has been a still greater and more serious strike been in process with the retailers of the country.

They could not or would not buy and so mills closed and great numbers were made idle.

The consumer, however, still bought merchandise and a condition has now arisen where the shelves of many retailers are almost bare of some kinds of goods.

Fall is upon us and retailers have as a class begun clamoring for merchandise.

It is needless to say they are going to have a hard time getting it and if they do get some the prices are going to be far above what the goods could be had at a few weeks or months ago.

Many makers of merchandise have for months been offering their products at actual loss in order to keep their factories going.

Now that the demand has begun prices cannot possibly help but move up to a balance of supply and demand.

Those retailers who were wise went ahead months ago courageously placing fall orders, taking advantage of the spasm of fear then sweeping the country.

Perhaps it is reasonable to assume that such retailers will own their fall merchandise at least twenty-five per cent under what retail buyers from now on will have to pay.

This firm began placing orders last Jan. for this fall and winter clothing and furnishings and perhaps bought more liberally than for many years past.

We had no more war goods to dispose of and made our future purchases confident that conditions were shaping for a real scarcity later on.

The result of our reasoning is that we own at panic prices the largest stock of fall and winter goods that ever came into this store. And we are going to sell them on a cost plus basis and not on a basis of replacement costs.

We can promise some sensational values while the merchandise lasts and we strongly advise our business friends to take it as offered instead of waiting for seasonal needs.

Raw cotton has jumped from 12c to 20c a pound in almost as many days. The market is bare of fine worsted suitings. Silk hose of merit cannot be had at any price. Every pound of Belgian hat fur has been used. Quality shirtings are at a premium. Donets are sold six months ahead.

It is our belief that Bennington merchants as a class were reasonably early buyers this season.

It is our positive knowledge that this firm once more were lucky enough to buy at the exactly right time for this fall and winter and we can assure you that if you will watch our advertisements and select as goods are offered you will get your merchandise at positively right prices.

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## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village and Advertisements.

The unimpaired Tom Mix at Harte Theatre, today.

Tom Mix in "The Big Town Round Up," a Western thriller. At Harte Theatre, today.

Your last opportunity to see Mae Murray in "The Gilded Lily," Opera House tonight.

Mabel Hathaway has left for her school in Wilmington where she will teach during the coming year.

Still a few left of those exceptional values in army hospital blankets, all wool, 72x84 at \$3.95 at Noveck's.

Special clean up! Two lots of boys' school shoes, lace and button, at \$1.98 and \$2.49, values to \$4.50, at Noveck's.

Roscoe Arbutuckle in "The Dollar a Year Man," and Tom Santschi in "The V That Vanished" Harte Theatre, Monday.

News has been received here of the birth in Troy, O., on September 1, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Wright. Mrs. Wright was formerly Miss Ruth Maysey and was employed for some time at the Griswold store.

The services at St. Peter's church tomorrow will be Holy Communion at 7:30; Morning Prayer and sermon at 10:30; Church school at noon. This is the first session of the school and it is important that all members be present. Evening Prayer will be said at 5 o'clock.

The senior class of the Bennington high school held a class meeting Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Howard Armstrong; vice president, Miss Alice Bushue (re-elected); treasurer, John Griffin (re-elected); secretary, Miss Rosal Hayden (re-elected).

Francis Howe, Henry Ripley and William Daley of North Bennington pleaded guilty in municipal court this forenoon to the theft of gasoline from a pump in their home village. They were fined \$50 each, and costs, and given a suspended sentence of not less than three or more than four months in jail. They will be on probation for a year.

The Second Congregational church cordially invites the public to its services tomorrow. Morning worship at 10:30. The pastor, Rev. G. S. Mills, has returned from the Middlebury Convention, and will speak upon "The Word of the Gospel from a Vermont Hill-Top." Discussion class for men in the auditorium following. Church school in the chapel at 12. The Christian Endeavor society will have its first meeting after the summer vacation tomorrow night. The hour will be 6 o'clock. The leader, Donald Webster. This will be an outdoor meeting on the parsonage lawn, and will have some specially attractive features.

## Card of Thanks.

We do hereby extend our thanks to the many kind friends who assisted us during our recent bereavement, also the H. T. Cushman Mfg. Co., and the Allen A. Company—Mr. and Mrs. Asa Niles and family; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Niles and family; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Waite and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niles and family.

## NORTH BENNINGTON

Misses Esther and Winifred Clark, Brookfield, Vt., are visiting friends in town.

Miss Florence Mosher left Wednesday for Burlington, Vt.

Robert Barber, son of Frank Barber has entered the Preventorium at Essex, Vt., for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones have returned from a motor trip to Bama.

Mrs. Carrie Henry who has been visiting relatives in Arlington for a few weeks has returned home.

William Barber, Miss Blanche Barber and Miss Ruth Bromley were among those who attended the Rutland fair, Wednesday.

Mrs. Agnes Burgess who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Verle H. Carter, returned to Bennington accompanied by Mrs. Carter.

Mr. Graves and son Percy were in attendance at the Rutland Fair Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Bonyng have closed their home here and returned to their home in East Orange, N. J.

Alexander Elwell and grandson Rudolph were in Rutland this week to attend the fair.

Mrs. Florence Surdam and daughter Miss Amy Surdam with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkins of South Shattisbury and their guest, Miss Jennie Helm of Philadelphia motored to Lake St. Catherine Thursday, where they spent the day.

Rev. W. R. Hamlin has returned from Middlebury where he has been in attendance at the Congregational ministers' convocation of Vermont.

Miss Clarice White left this week for Holland Patent, New York, where she has a position as teacher of physical culture.

Mr. R. Coy and daughter Nettie Coy were in Rutland Wednesday to attend the fair.

Rev. James Clark and Mrs. Clark and son are in town for a few days. Mr. Clark was a former pastor of the Congregational church.

Nelson Payne was in Rutland this week to attend the state convention of the Vermont department of the American Legion.

Rev. James S. Clark of Brookfield will preach at the morning service at the Congregational church at eleven a. m., Sunday, Sept. 11. Sunday school at 12:10 p. m. The first meeting of the Y. P. S. E. following the summer recess will be held in the church vestry at 6:30 p. m. Plans for the coming year will be discussed.

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## HARDING ANSWERS DEMOCRATS

Progress Made In Recovering From Welter of Waste

Washington, Sept. 6.—President Harding, in a letter reviewing the achievements to date of the Republican administration, particularly with reference to Congress, declares that "surveying the national situation as a whole, it is plain that we are working our way out of a welter of waste and prodigal spending at a most impressive rate."

"The letter, made public today, was written by the President under the date of August 29, to Senator McCormick of Illinois, and it is understood, will be used in the campaign in New Mexico, where Senator Bursum, appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Secretary of Interior Fall, is a candidate for election. The letter, it also is understood, is considered by Republican leaders as a reply to attacks on the legislative record of the Republican Congress by Chairman White of the Democratic national committee and other leading Democrats.

"We have made much progress toward retrenchment and greatly increased efficiency," the President asserts. "I cannot but account it a monumental accomplishment which has marked the work of the extraordinary session down to the time of its recess."

Looking to the future, Mr. Harding in his letter expresses the confident hope "that Congress, after the recess and before the end of the extraordinary session, will adopt both the tariff and taxation measures and that along with these it will pass the bill to permit funding the debt owed us by foreign governments."

"This, I hope," the President adds "will shortly be followed by arrangements under which the debtor countries will begin paying interest on their obligations. Likewise, I am confident that the bill facilitating the funding of the debt of the railways to the United States will become law during the extraordinary session thus insuring a large and immediate demand for employment of men now idle."

The President, in beginning his letter, expressed thanks to Senator McCormick for the Illinois senator's congratulations on the accomplishments of the administration, as expressed in a letter addressed to the President under date of August 24.

The Republican Congress preceding the advent of the present administration is credited by Mr. Harding with "having patiently and assiduously labored to reduce expenditures with results 'which we can summarize in the statement that the appropriations for the current fiscal year will aggregate \$4,250,000,000 and that this is three-quarters of a billion less than the expenditures for the previous fiscal year."

The President after reciting as "extraneous incident to the war" the expenditure of \$3,500,000,000 by the shipping board; between \$5,000,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 for aircraft, artillery and ammunition, and between one and a quarter and one and a half billion dollars for the railroad administration adds:

"It is gratifying to be able to say, therefore, that probably no other government in the world has during a similar period so drastically reduced expenditures as has the government of the United States during the past two years on the insistence of the Republican Congress. Moreover I am happy to assure you that the administrative departments are now in full sympathy with the program of rigorous and unrelenting economy through which I believe, we will be able during the next year to cover back into the treasury so large a sum that the aggregate of taxation may be reduced to \$3,500,000,000 a year."

"Half the present total expenditures of the government arise from wars of the past. Similar burdens are imposed upon the taxpayers of other countries, and a well-nigh universal protest against a possible repetition of gigantic conflict gives rise to the common hope that the conference in November may lighten the burdens of both armament and taxation, not only for this, but for other lands."

"Almost without exception the governments of other countries are faced with great deficits. We must not overestimate our good fortune and the prudence of our Congress which permits us to balance revenue and expenditure at a time when deficits are the rule throughout the world. We shall be greatly aided in a policy of progressively reducing expenditure by the budget law Republican in origin, design, enactment and execution."

I do not hesitate to say that in ordinary times it alone would have been considered a highly creditable chief product of a year's legislative program. Yet in a time of such legislative activity as the present it is only one among many measures of the first importance to be enacted. It was quickly followed by the enactment of the immigration law, calculated both to limit the inflow of population during a period of depression and to hasten the day when we may effect the true Americanization of all newcomers to our shores."

"The series of measures looking to great agricultural industries, would in other times have constituted a striking legislative product of a year's session. These include the law for control of the packing industry, the act for the regulation of grain exchanges and the laws for the extension of credits to farmers through the war finance corporation to enable them to carry their crops until the markets will absorb them."

"The establishment of a veterans bureau insures a consummation of those reforms in caring for our disabled men which were inaugurated by executive order. We have established peace and are seeking to establish the generous production and profitable exchange of foodstuffs and commodities under the conditions of peace and cordial assurance of good wages and general employment."

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Patient Evidently Had Not Properly Understood the Orders Given Her by Her Physician.

The woman who sat in the physician's consulting room was certainly stout, and her reason for being there was that the man of medicine might prescribe some course of treatment which would reduce her corpulence.

After some consideration the great man drew up a dietary, and instructed her to report to him in a month.

At the end of that time the doctor saw her again, stouter than ever.

"Are you sure you ate what I ordered?" asked the physician, agitated.

"Everything," answered the patient. His brow wrinkled in perplexity.

"And nothing else?"

"Nothing whatever, doctor—except, of course, my ordinary meals."

MOST DREADED SEA MONSTER

Octopus More to Be Feared Than That Enemy of All Swimming Things, the Shark.

Can you imagine a snail so big and so powerful that he can overcome the strongest man?

His name? Why, the octopus, that fearsome monster whose eight long arms, covered with powerful suckers, can enfold and hold fast the strongest human swimmer or the fiercest and most active fish. The octopus is a huge snail, whose shell is contained within his body.

Normally he lives at the bottom of the sea, thrusting his soft pulpy body into a hole in the rocks, and allowing his tentacles to wave to and fro in the water in search of any luckless prey that may come their way. If one of his arms touches anything living it adheres to it immediately. First one arm and then another is wrapped around the struggling thing until it is held so fast that it is incapable of movement. Then the tentacles contract and bring their captive to the beaklike mouth.

The octopus can move through the water at an amazing speed. He does this by filling his body with water, and then squirting it out violently. If pursued by an enemy he throws out a kind of smokescreen by discharging the contents of his sepia-bag.

Milk as Glue.

Fancy using milk as glue! The milk does not come from the cow, but from a wonderful tree called the cow-tree. But, for all that, it is quite as pleasant to drink as the milk we get from the dairy.

The tree is one of the largest to be found in the dense forests of Brazil. Its bark is deeply scored, reddish and ragged.

Cuts are made in the trunk to allow the milk to flow, but a supply can be obtained equally well from one which has been cut down for some time.

A traveler had some of the milk drawn from dry logs which had been

standing many days in the hot sun. He found it pleasant with coffee. It soon thickened to a glue, and often he saw the natives use it to cement broken crockery.



NO FIXED RULE

"What is requisite to make a song popular?"

"Hard to tell. Sometimes a song gets so popular that it becomes unpopular."

The Glass Plumber.

The introduction of the vacuum-tube light has brought into existence the new trade of "glass plumbing."

The glass tubes, in which the light is produced by an electric current flowing through a gaseous conductor, are an inch and three-quarters in diameter, and are put up in lengths of about 8 1/2 feet, and hermetically sealed in place. For the purpose of this work a set of glass-blowers' instruments has been invented, including cutting tools, blowers and hand torches, and experts perform the necessary operations with surprising rapidity.

Baptized at Historic Site.

The oldest Christian site in the world was the scene of the baptism of an English baby by an Anglican chaplain. The permission of the orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem had to be obtained. The site is that on which stands the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, and this is the first recorded instance of an English child being baptized there.

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